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New McHenry County Hydrologic Information Website

WOODSTOCK – The McHenry County Division of Water Resources is announcing the launch of the United States Geological Survey’s McHenry County Hydrologic Information Website: <http://il.water.usgs.gov/data/McHenry/index.php>. The new website provides real-time water level data for McHenry County’s observation wells and stream gauges, as well as precipitation amounts from rain gauges around McHenry County. This real-time data are collected and transmitted on an hourly basis to chart the short and long-term hydrological condition of the County.

“McHenry County is taking progressive steps in addressing our current and long-term issues with the need for providing clean drinking water, addressing stormwater concerns, and balancing the need for growth with being stewards of the environment”, stated County Board Chairman Ken Koehler. “McHenry County relies exclusively on aquifers for its drinking water and has taken steps to ensure that there is enough viable water for future generations.”

This project is a culmination of three years of collaboration between McHenry County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois State Geological Survey. The data gathered from this project will be used to develop a groundwater-flow model to assist with future groundwater management decisions.

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